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## Local Government Elections in Tasmania

Tasmania's local government elections were held in September-October 2014. These were the first all-in, all-out elections conducted since the enactment on 20 June 2013 of the Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2013 and the making of the Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2013, the Local Government (Number of Councillors) Order 2014 and the Local Government (Elections) Order 2013.

The effect of these was to defer the elections, originally scheduled for 2013, until 2014 when all councillors and aldermen, and mayors and deputy mayors, would be elected for a four year term ending in 2018. The terms of office of councillors elected in both 2009 and 2011 ended in 2014.

There was also a reduction in the number of councillors or aldermen to be elected to nine councils in 2014 (see statewide Local government election report 2014 for further details).

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) supervises the conduct of elections in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. Elections by postal ballot have been held approximately biennially since 1994, with the next quadrennial elections due in October 2018.

Candidate information booklets and complete election results for the state are available from the TEC and are posted on the TEC website www.tec.tas.gov.au.

## 2014 Election timetable

Notice of election published
Nominations opened
Electoral rolls closed
Nominations closed
Nominations announced
Ballot material received by electors
Polling period
Close of poll

Saturday 13 September
9 9am Monday 15 September
6 pm Thursday 18 September
12 noon Monday 29 September
12 noon Tuesday 30 September
14-17 October
14-28 October
10 am Tuesday 28 October

## Casual vacancies for councillor/alderman

Casual vacancies are filled by recount where possible, unless the vacancy occurs within 6 months of a forthcoming election. Only unelected candidates from the relevant election may contest a recount. If a recount is not possible, a by-election is held. A candidate elected at a recount or by-election serves until the next council election.

## Elector polls

A council may hold an elector poll on any issue it determines. It may also be required to hold an elector poll following petitions from electors in accordance with Part 6 of the Act. A council is not bound by the result of an elector poll.

## Electoral system

Voting in Tasmanian local government elections is not compulsory.
Elections for councillor positions are conducted using a system modelled on the Hare-Clark method of proportional representation used in Tasmanian House of Assembly elections.

Mayoral and deputy mayoral elections use a preferential system similar to that used for Tasmanian Legislative Council and federal House of Representatives elections.

## Report on the 2014 Derwent Valley Council Election

Elections were held for the positions of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 8 Councillors, all for 4 year terms.

7147 Derwent Valley electors were enrolled for the 2014 elections, comprising 7032 ( $98.39 \%$ ) from the State House of Assembly roll and 115 (1.61\%) from the General Manager's roll.
$56.21 \%$ of Derwent Valley electors returned their ballot papers in comparison with 54.58\% statewide.

Derwent Valley Councillors following the 2014 elections
Mayor
EVANS, Martyn
Deputy Mayor
SHAW, Ben

## 8 Councillors

EVANS, Martyn
BELCHER, Paul
TRIFFETT, Julie
SHAW, Ben
BESTER, Damian Rodney
PEARCE, Frank
GRAHAM, James
LATHEY, Barry Keith

The candidates

## Derwent Valley Council

| Councillor | 19 candidates (8 to be elected) | Magra |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| BELCHER, Paul * | New Norfolk |  |
| BESTER, Damian Rodney *^ | Lachlan |  |
| BILINSKI, Joe | Lachlan |  |
| BINGLEY, Phillip | New Norfolk |  |
| BROMFIELD, Judy ^ | Magra |  |
| EVANS, Martyn *^ | Molesworth |  |
| FARRELL, Kylie Anne | New Norfolk |  |
| GRAHAM, James *^ | New Norfolk |  |
| HILL, Jamie | New Norfolk |  |
| LATHEY, Barry Keith *^ | Magra |  |
| LESTER, Chris ^ | New Norfolk |  |
| MORRIS, Tim | Lachlan |  |
| NICHOLSON, Tony ^ | Black Hills |  |
| PEARCE, Frank * | New Norfolk |  |
| SALT, Anne | New Norfolk |  |
| SHAW, Ben * | New Norfolk |  |
| SHAW, Scott Darrell ^ | New Norfolk |  |
| SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne ^ |  |  |


| Mayor | 5 candidates |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| BELCHER, Paul | Magra |  |
| BINGLEY, Phillip | Lachlan |  |
| EVANS, Martyn ${ }^{* \wedge}$ | Magra |  |
| LESTER, Chris | Magra |  |
| PEARCE, Frank | Black Hills |  |


| Deputy Mayor | 7 candidates |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| BILINSKI, Joe | Lachlan |  |
| LATHEY, Barry Keith ^ | New Norfolk |  |
| MORRIS, Tim | New Norfolk |  |
| NICHOLSON, Tony | Lachlan |  |
| SALT, Anne | New Norfolk |  |
| SHAW, Ben * | Lawitta |  |
| SHOOBRIDGE, Wayne | New Norfolk |  |

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## Derwent Valley Council - 2014 Councillor election

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014
Number to be elected: 8
Returning Officer: Dale Emery

Declarations returned: 4017<br>Response rate: 56.21\%

Declarations rejected: 61
Declarations admitted: 3956
Rejection rate: 1.52\%

| Count |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{n}}^{\sum} \\ & \sum_{0}^{3} \\ & \leq \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ti } \\ & \pi \\ & \pi \\ & \pi \\ & \pi \\ & \pi \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { I } \\ & \text { ! } \\ & \underline{c} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \underline{3} \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \frac{0}{6} \\ & -1 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 396.00 | 247.00 | 15.00 | 101.00 | 57.00 | 722.00 | 114.00 | 212.00 | 164.00 | 154.00 | 146.00 | 189.00 | 137.00 |
| 2 | 26.43 | 23.50 | 0.83 | 10.49 | 8.39 | - 303.00 | 8.81 | 15.94 | 13.84 | 32.31 | 20.14 | 13.84 | 25.18 |
|  | 422.43 | 270.50 | 15.83 | 111.49 | 65.39 | 419.00 | 122.81 | 227.94 | 177.84 | 186.31 | 166.14 | 202.84 | 162.18 |
| 3 | - 3.43 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.16 |  | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.21 | 0.65 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.16 |
|  | 419.00 | 270.71 | 15.83 | 111.59 | 65.55 | 419.00 | 122.91 | 227.94 | 178.05 | 186.96 | 166.19 | 202.89 | 162.34 |
| 4 to 5 |  | 1.83 | - 15.83 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 |
|  | 419.00 | 272.54 | 0.00 | 111.59 | 65.55 | 419.00 | 122.91 | 227.94 | 180.05 | 186.96 | 168.19 | 204.89 | 163.34 |
| 6 to 8 |  | 2.72 |  | 0.00 | 0.83 |  | 0.41 | 4.00 | 2.00 | 5.46 | 3.83 | 2.00 | 4.41 |
|  | 419.00 | 275.26 |  | 111.59 | 66.38 | 419.00 | 123.32 | 231.94 | 182.05 | 192.42 | 172.02 | 206.89 | 167.75 |
| 9 to 11 |  | 6.41 |  | 3.83 | -66.38 |  | 4.51 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 5.25 | 3.41 | 4.25 | 5.93 |
|  | 419.00 | 281.67 |  | 115.42 | 0.00 | 419.00 | 127.83 | 236.94 | 186.05 | 197.67 | 175.43 | 211.14 | 173.68 |
| 12 to 14 |  | 17.41 |  | - 115.42 |  |  | 0.41 | 5.00 | 4.41 | 7.05 | 6.41 | 22.25 | 6.09 |
|  | 419.00 | 299.08 |  | 0.00 |  | 419.00 | 128.24 | 241.94 | 190.46 | 204.72 | 181.84 | 233.39 | 179.77 |
| 15 to 17 |  | 8.03 |  |  |  |  | - 128.24 | 11.51 | 16.25 | 3.83 | 5.41 | 6.83 | 2.41 |
|  | 419.00 | 307.11 |  |  |  | 419.00 | 0.00 | 253.45 | 206.71 | 208.55 | 187.25 | 240.22 | 182.18 |
| 18 to 20 |  | 23.29 |  |  |  |  |  | 14.35 | 7.83 | 28.40 | 17.30 | 15.09 | - 182.18 |
|  | 419.00 | 330.40 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 267.80 | 214.54 | 236.95 | 204.55 | 255.31 | 0.00 |
| 21 |  | 16.00 |  |  |  |  |  | 12.00 | 15.00 | 17.00 | 11.00 | 11.00 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 346.40 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 279.80 | 229.54 | 253.95 | 215.55 | 266.31 |  |
| 22 to 23 |  | 2.93 |  |  |  |  |  | 1.67 | 1.30 | 2.51 | 1.72 | 2.51 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 349.33 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 281.47 | 230.84 | 256.46 | 217.27 | 268.82 |  |
| 24 |  | 0.59 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.33 | 1.01 | 0.33 | 0.08 | 0.25 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 349.92 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 281.80 | 231.85 | 256.79 | 217.35 | 269.07 |  |
| 25 to 28 |  | 39.09 |  |  |  |  |  | 21.93 | 32.35 | 9.67 | -217.35 | 33.19 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 389.01 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 303.73 | 264.20 | 266.46 | 0.00 | 302.26 |  |
| 29 |  | 26.00 |  |  |  |  |  | 34.00 | 27.00 | 44.00 |  | 18.00 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 415.01 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 337.73 | 291.20 | 310.46 |  | 320.26 |  |
| 30 |  | 7.13 |  |  |  |  |  | 10.07 | 3.35 | 6.71 |  | 4.61 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 422.14 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 347.80 | 294.55 | 317.17 |  | 324.87 |  |
| 31 to 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.00 | 0.24 | 0.25 |  | 0.08 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 422.14 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 347.80 | 294.79 | 317.42 |  | 324.95 |  |
| 33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.33 | 3.05 | 2.10 |  | 1.14 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 422.14 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 349.13 | 297.84 | 319.52 |  | 326.09 |  |
| 34 |  | - 3.14 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.36 | 0.55 | 1.10 |  | 0.36 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 419.00 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 349.49 | 298.39 | 320.62 |  | 326.45 |  |
| 35 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 83.00 | - 269.00 | 64.00 |  | 39.00 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 419.00 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 432.49 | 29.39 | 384.62 |  | 365.45 |  |
| 36 to 40 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -29.39 | 12.90 |  | 8.29 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 419.00 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 432.49 | 0.00 | 397.52 |  | 373.74 |  |
| 41 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12.35 |  | 7.60 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 419.00 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 432.49 |  | 409.87 |  | 381.34 |  |
| 42 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - 13.49 |  | 6.01 |  | 5.68 |  |
|  | 419.00 | 419.00 |  |  |  | 419.00 |  | 419.00 |  | 415.88 |  | 387.02 |  |

Ballot paper adjustment: 43
Total ballot papers: 3913

Formal Votes: 3762
Informal ballot papers: 151
Informality rate: 3.86\%

Quota $=419$

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \infty \\ & \underset{\sim}{D} \\ & \overrightarrow{>} \end{aligned}$ | $\sum_{\substack{\infty \\ \hline \\ \hline}}$ | $\sum_{\substack{\infty \\ \hline}}^{\substack{\infty}}$ |  |  | Votes Exhausted | Loss (Gain) by Fraction | Total Votes | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 237.00 | 131.00 | 267.00 | 155.00 | 34.00 | 284.00 |  | 0.00 | 3762.00 | EVANS, M. elected 1 |
| 10.07 | 16.36 | 31.05 | 18.04 | 7.55 | 20.14 |  | 0.09 |  | EVANS, M.'s surplus distributed |
| 247.07 | 147.36 | 298.05 | 173.04 | 41.55 | 304.14 |  | 0.09 | 3762.00 | BELCHER, P. elected 2 |
| 0.38 | 0.05 | 0.76 | 0.16 | 0.10 | 0.21 |  | 0.08 |  | BELCHER, P.'s surplus distributed |
| 247.45 | 147.41 | 298.81 | 173.20 | 41.65 | 304.35 |  | 0.17 | 3762.00 |  |
| 3.00 | 3.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  | 0.00 |  | BILINSKI, J. excluded |
| 250.45 | 150.41 | 299.81 | 173.20 | 41.65 | 304.35 |  | 0.17 | 3762.00 |  |
| 3.41 | 2.83 | 4.25 | 5.41 | -41.65 | 0.00 |  | 0.09 |  | SHOOBRIDGE, W. excluded |
| 253.86 | 153.24 | 304.06 | 178.61 | 0.00 | 304.35 |  | 0.26 | 3762.00 |  |
| 6.00 | 6.05 | 3.00 | 4.25 |  | 4.41 |  | 0.08 |  | BROMFIELD, J. excluded |
| 259.86 | 159.29 | 307.06 | 182.86 |  | 308.76 |  | 0.34 | 3762.00 |  |
| 18.67 | 3.25 | 9.83 | 3.25 |  | 11.30 |  | 0.09 |  | BINGLEY, P. excluded |
| 278.53 | 162.54 | 316.89 | 186.11 |  | 320.06 |  | 0.43 | 3762.00 |  |
| 18.41 | 20.83 | 10.00 | 5.83 |  | 18.83 |  | 0.07 |  | FARRELL, K. excluded |
| 296.94 | 183.37 | 326.89 | 191.94 |  | 338.89 |  | 0.50 | 3762.00 |  |
| 15.67 | 12.93 | 6.72 | 17.19 |  | 23.35 |  | 0.06 |  | NICHOLSON, T. excluded |
| 312.61 | 196.30 | 333.61 | 209.13 |  | 362.24 |  | 0.56 | 3762.00 |  |
| 9.00 | - 174.00 | 12.00 | 9.00 |  | 62.00 |  | 0.00 |  | SALT, A. part excluded |
| 321.61 | 22.30 | 345.61 | 218.13 |  | 424.24 |  | 0.56 | 3762.00 | TRIFFETT, J. elected 3 |
| 1.67 | - 22.30 | 4.61 | 3.35 |  |  |  | 0.03 |  | SALT, A. excluded |
| 323.28 | 0.00 | 350.22 | 221.48 |  | 424.24 |  | 0.59 | 3762.00 |  |
| 1.18 |  | 0.67 | 0.76 |  | - 5.24 |  | 0.04 |  | TRIFFETT, J.'s surplus distributed |
| 324.46 |  | 350.89 | 222.24 |  | 419.00 |  | 0.63 | 3762.00 |  |
| 23.43 |  | 27.66 | 30.03 |  |  |  | 0.00 |  | LESTER, C. excluded |
| 347.89 |  | 378.55 | 252.27 |  | 419.00 |  | 0.63 | 3762.00 |  |
| 18.00 |  | 50.00 | - 217.00 |  |  |  | 0.00 |  | SHAW, S. part excluded |
| 365.89 |  | 428.55 | 35.27 |  | 419.00 |  | 0.63 | 3762.00 | SHAW, B. elected 4 |
| 2.09 |  |  | - 34.35 |  |  | 0.41 | (0.02) |  | SHAW, S. part excluded |
| 367.98 |  | 428.55 | 0.92 |  | 419.00 | 0.41 | 0.61 | 3762.00 | BESTER, D. elected 5 |
| 0.25 |  |  | - 0.92 |  |  | 0.08 | 0.02 |  | SHAW, S. excluded |
| 368.23 |  | 428.55 | 0.00 |  | 419.00 | 0.49 | 0.63 | 3762.00 |  |
| 1.71 |  | -9.55 |  |  |  | 0.19 | 0.03 |  | SHAW, B.'s surplus distributed |
| 369.94 |  | 419.00 |  |  | 419.00 | 0.68 | 0.66 | 3762.00 |  |
| 0.55 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.18 | 0.04 |  | BESTER, D.'s surplus distributed |
| 370.49 |  | 419.00 |  |  | 419.00 | 0.86 | 0.70 | 3762.00 |  |
| 71.00 |  |  |  |  |  | 12.00 | 0.00 |  | HILL, J. part excluded |
| 441.49 |  | 419.00 |  |  | 419.00 | 12.86 8.24 | 0.70 $(0.04)$ | $3762.00$ | PEARCE, F. elected 6, GRAHAM, J. elected 7 HILL, J. excluded |
| 441.49 |  | 419.00 |  |  | 419.00 | 21.10 | 0.66 | 3762.00 |  |
| - 22.49 |  |  |  |  |  | 2.53 | 0.01 |  | PEARCE, F.'s surplus distributed |
| 419.00 |  | 419.00 |  |  | 419.00 | 23.63 | 0.67 | 3762.00 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.78 | 0.02 |  | GRAHAM, J.'s surplus distributed |
| 419.00 |  | 419.00 |  |  | 419.00 | 25.41 | 0.69 | 3762.00 | LATHEY, B. elected 8 |



## Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014
Returning Officer: Dale Emery


2014 Derwent Valley Mayor election - first preferences


## Derwent Valley Council

Polling closed at 10am 28 October 2014
Returning Officer: Dale Emery


2014 Derwent Valley Deputy Mayor election - first preferences



[^0]:    * denotes elected candidate
    $\wedge$ denotes seeking re-election

